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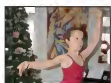
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## Santa's Corner



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Santa with a Cornish Rex kitty, at Bradford's Pet Valu on Dec. 1 - for the Pet Photos with Santa fundraiser.

Santa will be busy this weekend.

He'll be attending parades, tree-lighting ceremonies, photos-with-Santa, and more, throughout the region - and reminding residents to give generously, to the less fortunate.

The Simcoe County Paramedics continue to accept donations of new, unwrapped toys and clothing, in the drop box located at 170 Artesian

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## Council agrees to Agreement

"It's a historic day for the Town. We're going to transform the 400." With those words, Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White wrapped up debate on the Early Payment Agreement #3 with the Town's Residential Developers, during the Special Meeting of Council on December 2.

Through the Agreement, developers will "up-front" the capital costs of water and wastewater infrastructure, including Phase 3 of Innisfil's Lakeshore water treatment plant expansion, and 9 major roads projects - covering not only their own share of the costs, but "Benefit to Existing" residents, and Non-residential development charges.

It's a \$199 million commitment. The Town, for its part, agrees to immediately release the 2,071 units of water allocation "borrowed" from Innisfil, to allow residential construction to continue in Bradford. The Town also agrees to eventually pay back about \$65 million in Non-residential DCS and Innisfil's share of the water treatment plant expansion.

The timing of the pay-back led Councillor James Leduc to propose an amendment. The original draft agreement called for the money advanced for Non-residential (Industrial/Commercial/Institutional) growth to be paid back by 2023.

Councillor Leduc suggested a 2 year extension, to 2025.

Leduc noted, "It's our job as Councillors to create opportunities for employment. I'd like to be ready to go with it - send a clear message to developers."

The extra 2 years, he said, would accommodate a period of

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## Tools stolen from construction site

South Simcoe Police are investigating a Break and Enter that occurred at Colborne St. home under construction in Bradford, sometime overnight on Dec. 1-2. Suspects gained entry to the

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## Council endorses Early Payment Agreement

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design and tendering for the projects, giving the Town more time to market the 400 employment lands. "This is something the developers should be able to live with."

Councillor Carl Hordy supported the amendment, and the Agreement. "People continue to invest in Bradford West Gwillimbury - they see a future in BWG... We have to plan for the future."

Councillor Del Crake agreed. "If this doesn't pass tonight, there are going to be a lot of losers. Not only are developers going to be losers, residential taxpayers will be, if we don't get industrial development" to offset residential taxes.

Crake noted that the Economic Development Office has received 200 to 300 inquiries about the 400 lands, "but there's nothing in the ground. Nobody's going to invest" until the servicing is in place.

"The next two years, we're going to be engineering and letting contractors - the developers aren't going to be putting out any money," said Councillor Ron Simpson. In support

of the amendment. "If we don't move forward, we're just going to be moving backwards" - but, he warned, "It's a lot of money. It's a big risk for the Town. It's a big risk for the developers."

"I don't think it's a gamble. I think it's a great opportunity," said Councillor Leduc. "We need to grow. We need that [interchange]."

His amendment was approved - but when it came time to vote on the main motion, accepting the Letter of Intent from Developers and instructing staff to prepare the Early Payment Agreement for signing, Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer spoke against, warning the Town will have to pay back the Non-residential share of the costs whether or not the Hwy. 400 lands are successfully developed.

"Is there enough business willing to relocate to Bradford West Gwillimbury to mitigate the risk?... We've all heard of businesses that have closed in Southern Ontario," he said, driven away by rising electricity costs. "So have we really done a business analysis to see if this is the most opportunity? Is there a better way to do things, is there a more economical way to do things?"

Keffer suggested providing servicing to the 400 only as companies are ready to develop, and delaying the extension of sewer servicing to Bond Head. "Unfortunately, the sewers to Bond Head are a great expense, and I can't see the benefit of moving the sewers to Bond Head."

The Deputy Mayor urged the Town to focus on "the development of Bradford", and a future 400-404 Bypass. "I want to have the finances resolved... to tap into that economic opportunity." He concluded, "I just feel there is too much risk for the taxpayer - the time frame to pay, the indexing, the uncertainty."

But Councillor Crake pointed that the 400-404 has "been in the air for 50 years. We've been told it's not going to be there until 2035 at the earliest." If the Town fails to develop the Highway 400 lands, "who's going to pay? The residential taxpayer. Let's not let this slip through our fingers."

Projections from Economic Development, Planning and Finance have suggested that there could be 6.8 million sq. ft. of new employment space built on the 400 lands, generating taxes of over \$6 million per year, on build-out.

Councillor Lamb questioned the numbers. "I don't think they add up. If we don't meet those totals, we're on the hook for a lot of money - a lot, a lot of money. As a taxpayer, I don't want that risk... If building dries up, how are we going to pay that?"

"As Council, Number 1 is taking care of taxation. Employment is taxation," responded Leduc. "This is a risk that is not huge. We can meet these sq. ft. requirements. It's a major highway - prime real estate. We can mitigate the risk... There are others telling us they want to get out there and get going."

"If there's one adage in business that everyone agrees with... it's 'location, location, location,'" said Mayor White. "For years, Council members have talked about our biggest asset, the 400 series Hwy. What you see are jobs - jobs in a major way." White called the Early Payment Agreement "nothing short of a coup" - to have the developers covering the up-front costs of 8 construction projects, including the Town's share of the cost of a new interchange, and the provision of servicing to the 400, in an "incredibly creative" way.

"If we don't have this mechanism to service land on the 400, we will never have jobs on the 400," he said. "It beats borrowing \$94 million now."

In a recorded vote, Council voted 6 to 2 in support of moving forward with the Early Payment Agreement with residential developers. Councillor Gary Lamb and Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer were opposed; Councillor Raj Sandhu was absent. The Agreement, once finalized, will come back to Council for final approval and ratification.

## Air Cadet Tag Days

Newmarket Air Cadets Squadron 94 will be holding Tag Days this week, from Thursday to Sunday, December 5 to 8. Look for the Cadets in front of TSCS, Shoppers Drug Mart, Canadian Tire Store, Zehrs Market, No Frills and Walmart Supercentre, and help support local youth.

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## Pursuit ends in crash

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An officer spotted the suspect vehicle in Bradford, and attempted to pull the driver over on Fletcher St. The driver refused to stop and a short pursuit began - ending moments later when the driver lost control on Northgate Drive, drove through a fence and demolished a garden shed. The driver, a 47 year old Bradford male, was not injured in the collision. He was arrested and taken to the police station for breath tests - and subsequently charged with Impaired Operation, Drive Over .080, Flight from Police and Dangerous Driving.

## Social Media help locate missing Bradford Youth

On December 1, a Bradford family reported their 12 year old son missing. The family was able to provide police with an excellent description of the youth, and a current photo. Police uploaded the photo to the South Simcoe Police Facebook page and posted it to Twitter - and in less than 30 minutes, a call was received from Holland Landing where someone had observed the missing youth walking. Officers responded, located the youth, and returned him to his family in good health.

The use of Facebook and Twitter allows police to share information with the public in real time. Help make the community a better place by following on Facebook at [SouthSimcoePolice](#), and on Twitter at [SouthSimcoePS](#)

## Festive R.I.D.E. season begins

South Simcoe Police held their first Festive Season R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) check on Nov. 26.

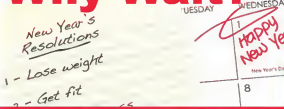
During Week 1, Officers stopped 1,620 vehicles in both Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil, and performed 43 roadside screening tests, issued 6 WARN range suspensions, laid 1 charge of Impaired/Over .080, and 5 drug-related charges.

On Nov. 29, Officers were conducting a RIDGE check on County Rd. 88 in Bradford. At around 11:34 p.m., police observed a vehicle that appeared to be trying to avoid the spot check. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver investigated. The K-9 unit was called to the scene, and after a brief search of the car, a quantity of marijuana was discovered. A 30 year old Bradford male was charged with Possession of a controlled substance.

A 53 year old Beeton man is facing a charge of Over .080, after he was stopped at a RIDGE checkpoint in Bradford, around 1:30 a.m. on November 30. He failed a roadside screening test, and was taken to South Division for further testing, where he was charged, issued a 90 day administrative licence suspension, and had his vehicle impounded. He was released with a court date.

Around 1 a.m. on Nov. 30, officers stopped a car at a RIDGE check on Simcoe Rd. in Bradford - and noticed an "overwhelming smell" of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. After a brief investigation, a quantity of drugs was found inside, and a 49 year old Bradford woman is facing a charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

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## our editorial

# Considering BWG's future plans

We think the Early Payment Agreement with the Residential Developers is a good thing. It could open the door to valuable development along the 400 corridor, providing a boost to non-residential job creation, economic development and job creation.

Serviced land along the 400, just north of the Holland Marsh, would be a prime location for any agriculturally-oriented business looking for a high-profile head office location, and for the proposed Simcoe County Food Hub - an alternative to the Food Terminal in Toronto, that is currently the subject of a feasibility study.

But it will require two things. Firstly, the Town will need to aggressively market the 400 lands, and pursue options like the Food Hub.

Secondly, the Town will need to ensure there are no more Disette Sts. Staff will have to keep a close eye on projects, to minimize expropriation needs, and to keep a tight rein on costs - possibly taking a second look at some of the engineering estimates, for roads like the Southeast and Southwest Arterials, that have the potential to balloon out of control.

And one more thing: the Town needs to be talking to the province, not only to identify any infrastructure grants that could be available to help develop Employment lands and generate jobs, but to protect the proposed increase in the electricity rates. That's something that has the potential to derail not only Ontario's economic recovery, but future economic development.

Sorry, folks. We've looked at the plan for downtown Holland St., we've heard the arguments about traffic flow, and the benefits of a traffic circle at John St. and Barrie - and we just don't buy it.

Call us short-sighted if you wish, but we will think that installing a traffic circle will simply push more traffic onto sidestreets, as motorists try to avoid a bottleneck. We'll accept that roundabouts can be good for traffic flow, but for the proposed road suggests that they are bad for pedestrians - and surely pedestrian traffic is something that any downtown plan wants to generate.

We think the sidewalks on Holland St. are wide enough; they are just in terrible, if not dangerous condition. If Holland St. reconstruction waits until the Southeast Arterial Road is built, does that mean another 5 years of crawling over cracked pavement and potential lawsuits?

And we don't think that the impact of reducing 4 lanes of traffic to 2 can be wholly offset by a handful of left turn lanes. It's not true that Holland St. "functions as a 2 lane street" for 99% of the time; that suggests that there is on-street parking for the full length of the road. In fact, there is on-street parking only from Nelson to Church St. It is only a few blocks of Holland St. that are functionally 2-lane, when parking is permitted.

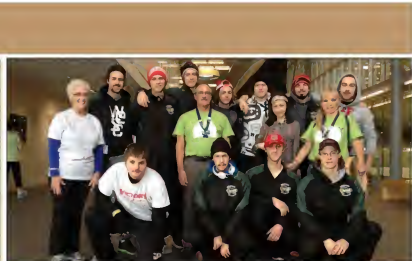
Frankly, we just don't want to see a situation where it costs millions to install "improvements" - and millions more to rip them out, if the "solutions" don't work.

## York-Simcoe Provincial Liberals candidate

The York Simcoe Provincial Liberal Association has announced that Loralea Carruthers will seek the Ontario Liberal nomination in the riding.

Carruthers, a resident of Holland Landing, is a school trustee for the York Region District School Board, and sits on the East Gwillimbury environmental advisory committee. She has also served 2 terms as vice president of the Ontario Public School Board Association,

representing all public school boards in the 2008 salary negotiations, and participated in two landmark reports, "What If? Technology in the 21st Century Classroom" and "A Vision for Learning and Teaching in a Digital Age". Her candidacy has been endorsed unanimously by the Association's Candidate Search Committee. A nomination meeting will be scheduled early in the new year.



Submitted Photo

Organizers of the 6 Minute Walk for Breath, held Nov. 28 at the BWG Leisure Centre, are joined by members of the Bradford Rattlers Jr. "A" hockey team - raising awareness of lung health, and Pulmonary Hypertension (PH).

## letters to the editor

### Thanks for Walking for Breath

The editor: Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) Month has drawn to a close, and we have many people to thank for participating in, and contributing to the success of our Awareness and Fundraising efforts this November.

We began with the 5th annual Let Me Breathe Vegas Night fundraiser, which raised over \$8,000 for PHA Canada, a charitable organization established by patients, caregivers, parents and family members (Canadians living with PH). Monies raised will help end isolation, provide education and create a united Canadian PH Community. For more information about Pulmonary Hypertension and support groups, contact Support Group Leader Ruth Dolan at [ruth@phatoronto.ca](mailto:ruth@phatoronto.ca) or visit [www.phacanada.ca](http://www.phacanada.ca)

We offer sincere thanks and gratitude to Peter Kiehl Jr., Bradford Rattlers Jr. "A" hockey team; Vicki Papp - Krystal Energy; Mary and Vita Hair Design; Nancy Young - Nancy's Nifty Nook; sculptor Gail Esau of Churchville Nicole Lemos - Make-up Junkie; Judith Mercer - Custom Jewellery 4 You; Dr. Catherine Miller, Laura Vree - Sweet Handmade, and Carmichael's Hair Design Group. Our thanks too, to the volunteers who spent countless hours making our event a success.

The Bradford Times has been the champion of our cause over the last few years, by featuring our events and telling our personal family struggles with PH, in hopes of reaching out to those in the community who may also be living with this rare lung disease. Citizens of Bradford have only to glance at The Times newspaper each week to see how it is a wonderful conduit for demonstrating the great kindness and generosity within this community.

Our final Awareness event took place on November 28 at the BWG Leisure Centre. This is the second year that the Centre and its staff have enthusiastically assisted us to present our "6 Minute Walk for Breath." We offer our sincere thanks to Nick Warman, Manager of Recreation and Client Services, Catherine Freire-Fitness Supervisor, and Marianna Koljuback,

Personal Trainer.

The Ontario Lung Association (OLA) partnered with us, as November is also Lung Health Month. Their goal is to bring it to the attention of the Government of Ontario and its citizens, that 1 in 5 of us suffer from some sort of lung disease. Our provincial government needs to make lung health a priority. Jody Hamilton invited visitors at her booth to join Breathers United, to make our voices heard in asking legislators for an Ontario Lung Health Action Plan ([www.onlung.ca](http://www.onlung.ca)).

Last but not least we appreciate all the support of our volunteers - Loretta Chu and Irene, Jason Wasielewski, Erin Dolan, Carolyn Mathur, Paul and Brenda Dainton, and Ed Dolan. We extend our sincere thanks to all our "walkers", including the Rattlers Jr. A Hockey team, and Deputy Mayor and Mrs. Rob Kieffer, who took time to participate.

Ruth Dolan, Director  
PHA of Canada Support Group Co-Leader

### Worried about agreement

Open Letter to Council: My name is Dave Morton, a long-time resident of Bradford West Gwillimbury. I was unable to attend the November 4 meeting of Council where the Letter of Intent from the Residential Developers group was discussed, since I was out of town. Following my return, I read the comments offered by Council in the local papers, which left me with the opinion that the majority of Council were not in favour of signing the Early Payment Agreement.

I have since seen the Dec. 2 agenda, and the proposed Early Payment Agreement presentation by Town staff - and came away completely confused as to whether this EPA and Letter of Intent is good for the Town or not. Your Worship and members of Council, the Letter of Intent includes a statement that reads: "Once the participating owner provides the security (deposit of 10%), it shall no longer be liable for further increases in capital costs for water, wastewater and roads projects for



## letters to the editor

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such phase?" So, if the estimates are wrong, we're on the hook for the differences? That is very scary, given the Town's previous record of missing engineering estimates/budget!

If it is such a good idea, as the Developer Group advises, why are they not prepared to share in the risk? Especially since they will be the ones to reap most of the financial benefits - and let's face it, that's why they are asking you to sign this document. Have you asked yourself that question, and are you happy with the answer? I hope you are, since we and all future generations of BWG will have to live with your decision.

**Dave Morton, Bond Head**

### Arts Guild Thanks!

To the editor: The Bradford Arts Guild would like to thank all who participated in the last 2 B.A.G. events. Meadowfest was held at St. John's Presbyterian Church, September 28. Thank you to the Church's faculty, who were beyond accommodating. This event has opened the doors to some exciting new events for 2014. We also had many performing artists who donated their time to entertain on the Centre stage - thank you so much; you made this event quite special by sharing your talents with us.

Expressions 2013 was held November 30. It was smaller, but mightier than ever, and very successful, thanks to the high calibre of the artists and artisans who participated - many from outside Bradford.

At both events, the Masons ran their Masonic Ch.L.P. ID program for children and vulnerable adults. Thank you to George and Barbara Burt for facilitating the program, through the Masons, and to the many health professionals who volunteered to take

down the vital information.

Thank you to Leisure Services, and the HWG Public Library, especially Debbie Scott, for once again accommodating our endeavours to bring arts and cultural events to Town. They provided the space and the resources that made it all possible.

Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted at Expressions - Linda Glass Ward, Amanda and Lane Britton, Jane Chant, Fatima Pereira. Most of all, I would like to thank my events committee who gave so much of themselves and their time to support B.A.G. and help this happen. It would not have been possible without Janet DeWinter, as well as Jane Chant, Amanda Britton, Corrine Donnelly, Shir Fox and Bill Burton.

Thank you to our local Council members for coming out to each of our events - Mayor Doug White, Deputy Mayor Rob Kellier, Councillors Carl Hendry and Bai Sandhu. I know you understand how important it is to support the growth of the arts and culture community within Bradford.

On a special note, I would sincerely like to thank The Bradford Times, and recognize the efforts that this local paper makes to keep the pulse beating in our community. It is so much appreciated.

**Trudy Neumeyer, Bradford Arts Guild**



Student volunteers Andrea, 15, at right, and Ana, 14, helping out at Meadowfest, September 28.

## The meaning of Christmas...



Colleen and Shannon deliver food to the homeless.

To the Editor: My daughter Colleen decided in early November that she wanted to feed the homeless. She didn't want to just go and volunteer somewhere; she wanted to buy food, make big healthy sandwiches, and go down to Toronto, to deliver food to the homeless on the street.

It was only this past weekend that we made the trek to Toronto. Colleen invited her friend Shannon; we went shopping in the morning, then headed down to Avenue Rd. and Bloor where I currently work. The head of our company let us use the kitchen facilities to prepare the food. The girls spent a good hour making chicken, turkey, ham and roast beef sandwiches with cheese, lettuce and cucumbers on large kaiser buns. They made hot chocolate, and bought bottled water, clementines and packages of cheese crackers to hand out. It was raining and damp, but they walked from Bedford and Bloor, to Yonge and Dundas and back, distributing food and refreshments - and were thanked profusely by all. All in all, the girls spent 6 hours preparing, travelling and delivering the food - a long day, but their mission was a success. I am very proud of these girls.

**Denise McMartin, Bradford**

## Danube Seniors Leisure Centre news

To the editor: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Culinary Department at Holy Trinity Catholic High School for the amazing Turkey Dinner they served on November 27. About 130 people were served a delicious meal with all the trimmings, and about 50 students and teachers catered to guests with big smiles and good cheer.

As many of the guests were from the Danube Centre, please accept our heartfelt thanks. We are already looking forward to next year!

**Elnae Love, President  
Danube Seniors Leisure Centre**

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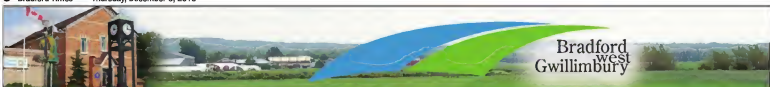


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For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division.

**Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole** – Council Chambers, 425 Holland St. W.  
 • Tues. Dec. 17 @ 7:00 pm– BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

## BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Municipal Heritage Committee

• Mon. Dec. 16 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W, Zima Room

### Police Services Board

• Mon. Dec. 16 @ 7:00 pm– Innisfil Town Hall, 2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Community Room

### Library Board

• Mon. Dec. 16 @ 7:00 pm– BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W., Boardroom

### Active Transportation Committee

• Thurs. Dec. 19 @ 7:00 pm– BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W., Boardroom

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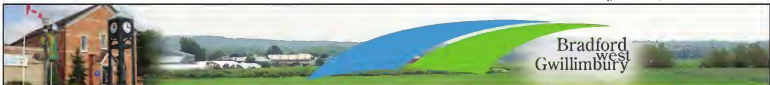
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### Your NEW Utility (Water/Wastewater) Bill is coming soon...

As of December 1, 2013 the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will assume full responsibility for the water meter reading, water and wastewater billing, and customer service from the previous provider, PowerStream Inc.

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- Longer payment terms, 35 days compared to the previous 21 days with PowerStream Inc.
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#### Who do I call with questions regarding my water meter?

• Water Department, 305 Barrie Street, at 905-778-2055 extension 2100, Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm with any water meter questions or to schedule an appointment. For after-hours emergencies please contact South Simcoe Police at 905-775-3311.

#### Who do I contact with questions regarding my Utility (Water/Wastewater) bill, or to set up a Utility (Water/Wastewater) account?

- Utility (Water/Wastewater) Billing Department, 61 Holland Street East, at 905-775-5303 extension 3108, Monday to Friday, from 8:30am to 4:30pm, at or by email at [utilitybilling@townofbwg.com](mailto:utilitybilling@townofbwg.com) with any water billing questions.

We plan on mailing out Utility (Water/Wastewater) Bills to all residential and commercial property owners mid-December with a due date mid-January. As part of our transition from PowerStream to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury we will be phasing-in our billing schedule over the next few months to a bi-monthly billing for our residential customers and a monthly billing for our commercial customers.

Continue to watch for more information on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's NEW Water Meter Reading and Billing System by visiting our website at [www.townofbwg.com](http://www.townofbwg.com) or follow us on Twitter and "like us" on Facebook.

Your cooperation through this transitional phase is greatly appreciated

### Notice of the

### Passing of a Zoning By-Law

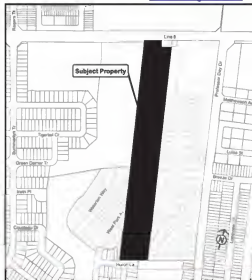
Pursuant to Sections 34(18) and 36 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

**Take notice** that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury passed By-law 2013-112 amending Zoning By-law 2010-050 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2013 under sections 34 and 36 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, in respect of lands located in Part of Lot 13, Concession 7 (Draft Plan of Subdivision S-08-04), Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

The purpose of By-law 2013-112 is to rezone the subject lands from the Future Development "FD" and Environmental Protection "EP" Zones to the Residential One Exception Holding "R1-3"(H1)" and Environmental Protection "EP" Zones to permit the development of Draft Plan of Subdivision S-08-04 consisting of 37 detached residential units. Map 12 of Schedule "B" to Zoning By-law 2010-050 will also be revised to coordinate with Plan S-08-04. The Holding (H) symbol shall be removed once the Subdivision Agreement has been executed and servicing allocation has been confirmed. A key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies is attached. The complete by-law is available for public inspection Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm at the Planning & Development Services office, 3541 Line 11, Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Any person or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with Rebecca Murphy, Clerk, of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, 100 Dissette Street, Units 7 & 8, P.O. Box 100, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A7, not later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2014, a notice of appeal which must set out the reasons for the appeal and must be accompanied by the OMB form and fee of \$125.00 payable to the Minister of Finance.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. If you wish to appeal to the OMB, a copy of an appeal form is available from the OMB website [www.omb.gov.on.ca](http://www.omb.gov.on.ca).



No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the By-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Planning & Development Services Department, P.O. Box 160, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A8, telephone 905-775-5369, ext. 1404, facsimile 905-778-4343 or email at [planninginfo@townofbwg.com](mailto:planninginfo@townofbwg.com).

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk

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## Fundraising Calendars now available

The Bond Head Women's Institute has put together a fascinating calendar for 2014: **The Vanishing Barns of Bradford West Gwillimbury**, part of a 5-year commitment to documenting the barns of BWG. The calendar is available for only \$20 each from Lella, 905-775-6618; Jan at 705-456-1870, or Mikki, 905-775-4011.

The Bradford Firefighters Association has a new fundraiser, for local charities - raising money for causes that include Southlake Regional Health Centre, local minor sports teams, the Cochlear Implant program at the Hospital for Sick Children, Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, and local

families facing financial challenges. It's not a dance, or raffie - it's a **Firefighters Calendar**. Not "beefcake" or staged poses, but firefighters caught in action by the lens of Paul G. Novosad. The breathtaking photos show Bradford West Gwillimbury firefighters battling fires and using the jaws of life to extricate collision victims - real photos, taken on scene. The calendar also includes fire prevention information, and information on Firefighters 1st, an organization dedicated to volunteer firefighters. The 2014 calendars are only \$20 each, available at the Fire & Emergency HQ on Melbourne Drive, or call 905-775-7311.

The Rotary Club of Bradford may have disbanded but Rotary will continue - and many former Bradford Rotarians are still deeply involved in serving the community. They will be selling **2014 Rotary Cash Calendars**, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Barrie Huronia - with proceeds going to the Helping Hand Food Bank.

The calendars are available at Decorator's Edge Benjamin Moore, Nancy's Nifty Nook, Joella's Jewellery & Gifts, and Evans & Evans Law - or call Diane Reynolds, 905-775-7286. The calendars, beside supporting the food bank, offer chance to win daily cash prizes of \$25 to \$1,000.



Karen Bail, master crafter with needle and thread, yarn, wool and fabric, held a Pre-Christmas Craft Sale in Cookstown in October, and donated 50% of sales to the Hospital for Sick Children. She raised \$460 for the hospital.

## A woman's war record

by Helen Yelding

The array of medals and awards decorating the chest of Lieutenant (Ret.) Susan Beharrell was almost as impressive as the person proudly wearing them.

Lt.-Col. Beharrell was the guest speaker at the annual Remembrance Day meeting of the Tecumseh and West Gwillimbury Historical Society, November 18, where she amazed her audience with a review of her career, as the first woman accepted as an Air Intelligence Officer in the Canadian Aerospace Defence Programme.

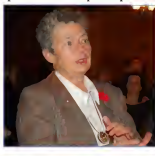
It was a difficult path. In the early 1970s, despite her training, abilities and rise through the ranks, she faced harassment, dislod, and denial of access to postings available to her male colleagues. It took great determination to overcome the "Women can't do that" thinking that prevailed, but she earned her postings and fulfilled her assignments with such distinctions that finally, apologies were given - and accepted. By 1982, Lt. Col. Beharrell was a CF-18 fighter pilot instructor, with 80 hours of flying time - but still not allowed to become a pilot. It wasn't until 1990 that the first two women became pilots.

In her role in Military Intelligence, she has served around the world

- in the Persian Gulf, Germany, Afghanistan. She was on duty in Colorado Springs, U.S.A., during the 9/11 crisis, and has played a role in critical decision-making, during several military operations.

Among her other Honours, Lt.-Col. Beharrell holds the Officer of the Order of Merit, and the Queen's Jubilee Medal.

Although her career blazed a trail for other women in the military, she is quick to point out that from the North



West to the South, in 1875, to World Wars I and II and beyond, women have always volunteered and supported military activity, in whatever role they were permitted. Her personal motto - "Nothing ventured, Nothing gained" - has served her well, even as she has served Canada and Canadians well.

The Historical Society will start the new year with its annual Show & Tell on Monday, January 20, 7:30 p.m. at the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson, followed by a social hour. Visitors and new members welcomed. For information, call 905-775-7144 or 905-936-4086.

**Photo:** Lieut.-Col. (Ret.) Susan Beharrell addresses Premier Kathleen Wynne, at an event in early November.

## At the Bradford Legion Branch 521

**Friday Night Social Time** - every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. In Bradford. Come out and enjoy dinner prepared and served by the Culinary Arts Students at Bradford District High School, for a nominal fee, then stay for music and fellowship. All welcome. This Friday, enjoy Christmas Turkey with all the trimmings, only \$7 per person! Followed by Karaoke with Bob Serran at 8 p.m.

**Monday and Thursday Night Fun** Arts, 7:30 at the Branch. Everyone welcome - membership not required.

**Euchre**, on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, 1 p.m. All welcome. Next Euchre: this Saturday, Dec. 7.

**Coming up: Christmas Dance**, December 14, featuring live band, The Bradford Cruisers. Tickets are only \$15, available at the bar or call 905-775-5025.

Do you want to stand behind our troops and veterans, enjoy comradeship and activities, and support youth programs in the community? Consider membership in the Legion. For more information, contact Donna at 905-775-5025.

## Attention Dr. Fitzsimons Patients,

Dr. Fitzsimons is away on medical leave and will be available Mid-January, 2014. Meanwhile, please contact the Bradford office at 905-775-5327 to make appointments in Bradford or Aurora. The Aurora Medical Clinic can access records online from Bradford and has additional medical staff covering. Dr. Fitzsimons is very appreciative of all the encouragement he has received during his recovery. If patients need to access Foot Care Services or Cardiac Screening services please contact the Bradford Office.

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## Think Pink!

The Pink Closet, 444 Holland St. W., hosted a special evening on November 19 - a Holiday Sparkle Fashion Show and Make-up launch, introducing a new line of Arbonne Swiss botanical make-up. 75 women attended, for fashion, shopping and fun - and to hear special guest, recording artist Amy Sky sing 'Phenomenal Woman.' Above, singer Amy Sky (centre) with Cindy (left) and Tamara Wilding. At right, great fashions at The Pink Closet.

Submitted photos.



# Arts & Entertainment

Pantomime! South Simcoe Theatre presents *Wizard of Oz*, Dec. 5-8 at the Old Town Hall Theatre in Cookstown, 1 Hamilton St. Hilarious musical performances at 7 p.m. Thurs. and Fri., 2 & 7 p.m. Sat., and 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets \$18 per person; call 705-458-4432. Family fun!



Freddie Eaglesmith performs at the MacLaren Art Centre, 37 Mulcaster St. in Barrie, on Friday, December 6 at 8 p.m., as part of the BarrieFolk for Folks series. Tickets are \$25 per person, and a portion of the proceeds will go to Candlelighters Simcoe. Tickets available at the MacLaren.

**Jubilation Singers and Orchestra** present a Christmas Concert at the Innisfil Community Church, 1571 Innisfil Beach Rd., on Sunday, December 15 at 6 p.m. For more information call 705-436-1611.

The 25th Annual, and Farewell Benefit Christmas Concert for the York Centre for Children will be taking place on Sunday, December 22, 4 p.m. at Unionville Alliance Church, 4898 - 16th Ave. in Unionville. The concert is a fundraiser for The York Centre, a licensed mental health facility providing services to children and families with special needs, and will feature Michael Burgess, original star of *Les Misérables*; Jackalyn Short, lyrical soprano; the Toronto Mass Choir, and the Young Singers Children's Choir. Tickets are \$25 per person for general admission; reserved seating \$40 and \$50. Group rates available (for 15 or more), \$20 each. For tickets call 905-887-5896 or 905-294-5230.

## Victorian Christmas in Cookstown

The Cookstown Antique Market invites the public to the 21st annual *Victorian Christmas Show and Sale in the Barn*, Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Enjoy the twin 10' tall Christmas trees decorated in vintage and new ornaments, enjoy a cup of hot apple cider and a treat or two, and find treasures and antiques, for a 10% discount. Visitors are asked to bring a non-perishable food item, a toy or cash donation for the Salvation Army.

## Benefit Concert for Tayah

Suzanne Grondin and students will be holding their Winter Benefit Concert on Saturday, December 14, at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Bradford, at 2 p.m. This year, the concert will benefit Tayah Fairbrother and her family.

Little Tayah, now 5, has been battling Stage 4 Neuroblastoma, since she was diagnosed in October of 2012. After chemotherapy, surgery to remove a tumour, a bone marrow transplant, and rounds of radiation therapy and immunotherapy, the cancer has returned - but she continues to fight. The family has also set up a fund at CBC, for Tayah Fairbrother in Trust, Account #1880136 Transit # 1042.

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## Christmas Trees for Malawi

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The Frasers are involved in Trees for Malawi, a project that has planted about 5,000 trees to date near Lilongwe. In Chikudzulire, half an

acre of Blue Gum and half an acre of Acacia seedlings were planted in 2012. The Acacia trees are grown to rebuild nutrients in the soil. Blue Gum trees provide roofing, building materials and medicine. The community, under the guidance of caretaker Chaziya Kasinjito, weeds, prunes and transplants the seedlings to the fields of local widows. There are plans to plant orchards, to supplement the diets of widows and orphans.

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## Welcome to Santa's Corner

**SANTA, from Page 1**  
 Industrial Parkway, Units 6 and 7,  
 Bradford, until December 14.

The annual **Christmas Toy Drive** is the Decorator's Edge Benjamin Moore Paint Store, 284 Holland St. W., is asking for donations of new, unwrapped toys for the Christmas for Kids program, Simcoe County Children's Aid Society, and young Cancer patients

at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie. There is a special need for gifts suitable for children over the age of 12.

Cabana Tan is holding their annual **Food Drive for the Helping Hand Food Bank** in Bradford. Come in to the tanning salon at 157 Holland St. East in Bradford, donate a non-perishable food item, and fill out a ballot for a chance to win a prize! The Drive will wrap up on December 15. For information, call 905-778-8268.

Times Designs, 74 John St. West, is holding a **Christmas Food Drive** in partnership with Up Her Spout Mohawk, and the *We grew up or live in Bradford West Gwillimbury* facebook group. Until December 20, drop off donations at Times Designs Custom Embroidery, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday.

**Bradford Tree-Lighting** celebration, in Sunshine Square at the new BWC Leisure Centre, Friday, December 6 at 6 p.m. Free hot chocolate, carol singing, and tree-lighting - followed by a FREE Leisure Skate at the Centre, thanks to Royal LePage At Your Service

Innisfil Fire Station #1 in Alcona hosts a **Tree Lighting Ceremony** on Friday, December 6, starting at 6 p.m. Free pizza, hot chocolate, hot apple cider, coffee and Timbits, tree-lighting with Innisfil's Mayor Barb Baguley at 7 p.m., and a visit from Santa. Bring your camera. Donations of non-perishable food for the local food bank are welcomed.



Innisfil YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, which makes programs affordable and available to children, teens and young adults, and gives families access to quality day care.

**Breakfast with Santa** at the Elman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, on Saturday, Dec. 7. The Friends of the Elman W. Campbell Museum host breakfast, at 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, for a Continental Breakfast, Photo opportunity with Santa, and Museum admission. Bring a camera! Tickets must be purchased in advance, at 905-953-5314 or email [elmanmuseum@rogers.com](mailto:elmanmuseum@rogers.com)

Schomberg celebrates **Main Street Christmas**, a day of old-fashioned family fun, on Saturday, December 7, from 3 to 9 p.m. - with the Main St. closed to traffic beginning at 3:30 p.m. Huge Craft Show in the Schomberg Hall starting at 3 p.m., Santa Claus Parade at 4 p.m., strolling carollers, musicians, singers, hot apple cider, hot chocolate, and an Illuminated Farmers' Parade of Lights at 8 p.m. Adult admission is \$5, free for kids 12 and under. For more information, see [www.schomberg.ca](http://www.schomberg.ca)

**Trim the Tree** at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on December 7 - another Free Family Saturday at the Library. Make Christmas decorations for your own tree to take home, and for the Library's community tree.

**Festive Fun at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre**, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 7. Free family fun that includes a make-and-take seasonal craft, and photos with a Special Guest. All welcome.

see MORE SANTA Page 11



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## Cramming the Command Post, for Santa



Photo and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times  
From left, John Bucko Sr. and wife Olive, grandchildren Danielle and Teal are joined by South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley, at Toys R Us in Cookstown.

The South Simcoe Police Mobile Command Post was empty when it first set up outside of the Canadian Tire Store in Bradford on November 29, launching the "Cram the Command Post" toy drive for 2013.

By the time police set up the Command Post at the Tanger Outlet Mall on December 1, it had already been filled once, and had to be partly emptied to make room for more donations - in particular, donations from one family.

For a second year, Cookstown Auto Centre Ltd. owner John Bucko Sr. and his family played "Santa" for needy children in South Simcoe - donating \$2500 in gift cards to the toy drive for the Simcoe County Children's Aid Society, then heading to the Toys R Us store at Tanger Outlet Mall to

purchase thousands of dollars of toys, for children of all ages.

"We were here last year. My heart was that big when we left," said Bucko, gesturing. "We just enjoyed it so much!"

He was joined by family members who included his wife Olive and several of his grandchildren - and by South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley, who donned an Elf hat for the occasion, and helped Cram the Command Post with toys.

By the time the Toy Drive wrapped up, over 1,500 donations had been collected.

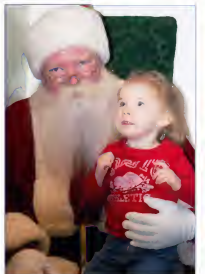
Each donor received a ballot, on a draw for 4 Raptors' tickets, donated by Paul Sadlon Motors - won by Sheri Jones of Bradford.

## Breakfast with Santa Claus

It has become a tradition in Bradford West Gwillimbury: Each year, the Bradford & District Lions Club hosts a Breakfast with Santa, at the old Bradford Community Centre, collecting donations of non-perishable food and cash for the Helping Hand Food Bank.

On November 30, Lions served up a hearty breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage and pancakes to over 150 people. Kids made crafts, and whispered their wishes to Santa Claus - and "everybody had a good time," said Lion JR Jones.

In photo, Santa and Allison, 28 months old.



## Welcome to Santa's Corner

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Black Creek Pioneer Village, 1000 Murray Ross Parkway in Toronto, hosts **Christmas by Lamplight**, Dec. 7, 14 and 21, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Live music, ballroom dancing, old fashioned taffy pulls, choirs in the Church, chestnuts roasting over an open fire. A traditional Christmas Dinner is available on Sundays, Dec. 8, 15 and 22 with seatings at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.; reservations required. Call 416-667-6295 or visit [www.blackcreek.ca](http://www.blackcreek.ca)

**Photos with Santa**, Sunday, December 8 at Coffee Culture Café & Eatery on Holland St. East, Bradford, 3 to 6 p.m. Get a professional 5 x 7 photo with Santa for only \$5, proceeds to the BVVG Santa Claus Parade. Photos courtesy of Zwomam Graphics & Photography.

**Christmas at Kortright:** Step into the Magical Forest, at the Kortright Centre for Conservation, 9550 Pine Valley Drive (south of Major Mackenzie), December 13 and 14 from 5 to 9 p.m. Crafts, activities and treats for the whole family, plus horse-drawn wagon rides, and a visit with Santa Claus in his Workshop. Advance tickets required; see [kortright.org/whats-on/winter-events-dot](http://kortright.org/whats-on/winter-events-dot) or call 416-667-6295.

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## Calling for an Animal Abuser registry

There's a petition making the rounds, calling for the establishment of a national Animal Abuse Registry in Canada - a registry that would keep track of

convicted animal abusers, in the way that the Sex Offender registry keeps a record of those convicted of sex crimes.  
Yvonne Russell, President

of Paw Tipsters, is hoping to present the petition to the House of Commons early in 2014. Her goal: To help ensure compassion and farm animals do not fall into the hands of someone who has already been convicted of animal abuse or neglect.

Paw Tipsters is an animal rescue organization based in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and local Bradford resident June Towler, of Dog Speed Animal Rescue, is collecting signatures in the Bradford area. She has placed petitions in Pet Val, Global Pet Food, Paws 'n Claws, Summerlyn Veterinary Hospital, Holland St. Veterinary Clinic, and the Queensville Vet Clinic - and is hoping that residents will sign. The national goal is 50,000 signatures.

The original petition suggested that anyone charged with animal abuse, as well as convicted, should be listed on the Registry - but Towler acknowledges that that will have to change. Only those convicted of animal cruelty or abuse would be listed - helping animal adoption agencies and kennels screen out individuals with a history of abuse.

For information, contact June Towler at 905-716-3484.

## Ask Dr. Michelle....



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### How do we recognize pain in our pets?

Our pets cannot tell us when they are in pain. Dogs and cats have a natural tendency to hide signs of pain. Though animals cannot verbalize pain, they still feel pain like we do and it is our responsibility as their caretakers, to help them. Did you know that pain slows healing? Pain also has a toll on organ systems and may even lead to death. Signs of chronic aches and pain are subtle and require a particularly astute guardian to notice.

It seems obvious that an animal that is crying, whining, yelping, howling or meowing might be in pain. Did you know that cats can also purr when they are stressed, in distress or sore too? Reluctance to move, "slowing down", hiding/withdrawing from human contact, an arched back or drooped head and limping are all potential signs of discomfort. Decreased interest in food and water may also be due to pain. Sometimes elevating the waterfood bowl will help if there is arthritis or soreness in the upper backneck.

Temperament changes such as frequent growling, or snarling is a dog that was previously social and eager for attention may indicate they are anticipating pain. Watch for signs of lip licking, avoiding eye contact, or yawning as this often indicates a dog is uncomfortable. This is especially the case when young children are involved. An old dog with osteoarthritis may not be looking forward to a toddler's hugs or desire for adventure that may involve riding their backs. A painful pet will certainly be less eager to fetch a ball, go for walks, and groom themselves.

We will discuss how to help in our January column. Together, you and your veterinarian, will be able to come up with a plan that suits you and your animal friend.

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## The best-decorated windows in Town!



Photos and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

From left, Janet Chu, owner of Coffee Culture Cafe & Eatery on Holland St. W., thanks Holy Trinity High School art teacher Colleen Clancy and the student art team that decorated the windows at Coffee Culture - winner of People's Choice. Below, Judge's Choice winner Linda Donaher of Linda's Floral Designs, left, accepts prize from contest chair Tricia Cresswell.

There were 37 entries in the 2nd annual Holiday Window Decorating contest, sponsored by the Bradford Board of Trade.

Businesses were encouraged to decorate their storefronts in time for the annual Bradford West Gwillimbury Santa Claus Parade, November 16 - and this year, there were two prizes to be won.

A panel of five judges made the rounds and chose a winner, but residents were also invited to pick up a ballot, and by visiting a minimum of 3 participating stores, vote for their favourite. Each ballot was also entered in a draw to win a \$100 gift card, for the Bradford restaurant of their choice.

The "People's Choice" ballots were collected on December 1 and counted - and on Dec. 3, the Bradford Board of Trade announced the winners.

Judge's Choice went to the window at Linda's Floral Designs, 12 Holland St. West, and owner Linda Donaher.

People's Choice went to the windows at Coffee Culture Cafe & Eatery, designed and created by Arts students at Holy Trinity High School.

Each winner received a cheque for \$500. "It's huge," said HTHS art teacher Colleen Clancy, on hand with several of the students who worked on the windows. The money might be used for a new display case, she suggested, to better display works by the art students, who included Sofia Tata, Elizabeth Miranda, Laila Bifare, Sara Costen, Hannah Labadie, Brian Farrell, Andrea Fernandes, Monica Santos, Kevin Santos, Victoria Constantino, Aimee Jordan, Shannon Buskermolen and Amanda Pudiccombe.

Lucky winner of the \$100 gift certificate was Nancy Grigg of Innisfil.



## Dutch Treats!

Dutch Treats Specialty shop and gift emporium, located at 15 Holland St. East in Bradford, celebrated the traditional arrival of Saint Nicholas - Sinterklaas - on Saturday, November 30.

He arrived, accompanied by helper Zwart Piet, and spoke with all the good little girls and boys, like little Brandon, age 2 and a half. Sinterklaas handed out treats for the children, as their parents and grandparents shopped for gifts - including another Dutch tradition, Chocolate Letters - and sampled cheeses and meats in the Deli section.



# An Expression of the Arts!

From hand-made soaps to turned wood bowls, to fantasy face-painting - it was all an expression of the Arts, at the Bradford Arts Guild's Expressions Arts & Crafts show and sale, Nov. 30.

The show, held at the Bradford Public Library and BWG Leisure Centre, was an opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind arts and crafts, just in time for Christmas giving. It was also an exciting glimpse into the range of creativity in Bradford West Gwillimbury and surrounding areas.

Artists and artisans came from as far away as Barrie and Toronto, to sell their works and chat with the public-like "Carver Girl" Lora Childs; Innisfil knitter, weaver and quilter Brenda Wauchope; and puppet-maker Brenda Reimer.

Reimer has been making puppets for 20 years, initially "so I could stay home with the children," she says. Now she offers "Girls Learn to Sew" classes, and brings her puppets to schools and to hospitals, for therapeutic play.

While shoppers browsed, and purchased gifts and treats, the Bradford Masonic Lodge added another dimension to the community event, by sponsoring a Mason/Ch.I.P. program - a high-tech ID program that puts together emergency identification kits for children and vulnerable adults, at no charge.



Clockwise from top: Brenda Reimer with Puppets, at The Bradford Arts Guild's 2nd annual Expressions Arts & Crafts show, Nov. 30; "Carver Girl" Lora Childs with soapstone carvings; volunteer Fatima Pereira transforms Christmas, 5, into a flying dragon.

## Fine Art Cafe in Bond Head

Want a break from the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping? Enjoy a cup of tea, a cookie and fine art, at the **Fine Art & Artisan Café**, Saturday, December 7 at the Woodwright Studio in Bond Head. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., enjoy coffee, tea and treats, view fine artworks by a selection of local artists, one-of-a-kind pottery and other crafts, and enter a draw for an oil painting.

Woodwright Studio is located at 4364 Line 7 in Bond Head, and is the home of the Bond Head Fine Arts Group. For information, contact Meade Helman at 905-960-4675.

Gallery 21, located in the Century 21 Heritage Group Ltd. Office at 1 Queen St. In Tottenham presents **Ode to Jack Frost** - a winter wonderland of paintings by 12 regional artists, to January 31, 2014. There is an "Art Cards" event on December 7, the date of Tottenham's Santa Claus Parade and Light Up celebrations. Come in, meet the artists and purchase unique art cards. [www.facebook.com/Gallery21](http://www.facebook.com/Gallery21)

South Simcoe Arts Council Holiday Pop-Up Art Market, to December 23 at the SSAC Gallery in the Gibson Centre, 63 Tupper St. W., Alliston. Handmade gifts by 30 local artists and artisans. See [southsimcoartsCouncil.com](http://southsimcoartsCouncil.com) for details

Art Unique Gallery & Gifts, located at 4293 - 2nd Line of Innisfil just north of Cookstown, is hosting an **Open House** on Sunday, December 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. to welcome artists Michaela Preston and Leonora Frenette to the Gallery. Preston is a photographer from Alliston. Frenette works in fabric and paper collage, and is from Innisfil. The Gallery also has works by more than 20 other artists on display. For more information, see [www.artunique.ca](http://www.artunique.ca) All welcome.

**Blue Heron Five** - BJ Thompson, Dorothy Visentin, Debra Wilde, Claire Hutchinson, Catherine Cadieux - are now showing their work at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library, 425 Holland St. W. Until mid-January, 2014.

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# Community Listings

## MEETINGS

**ALANON:** Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Martyrs of Japan Church basement,

167 Eassa St. in Bradford. For information, visit [www.alanon.alanone.org](http://www.alanon.alanone.org), or call 1-888-441-ANON. **STAKE FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS:** Toast mas-

ters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Thurs. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 7-9 p.m. For information, visit [www.speakfor-success.org](http://www.speakfor-success.org). All welcome.

**WEEKLY BINGO:** Innisfil Lions Club host a weekly Bingo, Mondays, 5 p.m., doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available, starting at 6 p.m., with info, call 705-426-1826.

**HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS:** Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-9412 or see [www.bradfordimmigrant.com](http://www.bradfordimmigrant.com)

**BWG COMMUNITY MEAL:** BWG COMMUNITY INITIATIVES hosts a hot meal at 5:30 p.m. every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome. Doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

**WRITERS' CIRCLE:** BWG Writers' Circle now meets 7-9 p.m. on the 3rd Tues. of the month, at the New Bradford Library, 425 Holland St. W. All Writers welcomed. **SUPPORT FOR DEPRESSION:** There is a new support group that meets every Friday evening at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Support for Depression meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., year-round, providing an opportunity for those experiencing depression to share coping strategies in safe, non-judgmental surroundings, assisted by empathetic facilitators, organized by the Canadian Mental Health Association - completely anonymous.

**GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN:** Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren. Meets at the Ontario Early Years Centre-Bradford satellite, 118 Barrie St., 1 to 3 p.m. Child-care available; call the centre at 905-775-3039 ext. 229 on the Friday before.

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**YEARS CENTRE-BRADFORD SATellite:** 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Free, but please pre-register at [www.simcoecommunityservices.ca](http://www.simcoecommunityservices.ca) or 905-775-3039 ext. 229.

## FRI., DEC. 6

**TREE-LIGHTING IN ALCONA:** Innisfil Fire Station #1 in Alcona holds its tree-lighting, starting at 6 p.m., with info, call 705-426-1826. **PIZZA, HOT CHOCOLATE, HOT APPLE CIDER, TIMBITS, COFFEE, TREE LIGHTING:** with Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley at 7 p.m., and a visit from Santa. Bring a donation of non-perishable food for the local food bank, and a camera!

**TREE-LIGHTING IN BRADFORD:** At Sunshine Square, at the new BWG Leisure Centre in Bradford, 6 p.m. Carolling, hot chocolate, hot pizza, hot chocolate, and lighting of the tree - followed by leisure skating in the centre at 6:40 p.m. (regular admission applies).

**CHRISTMAS PAST & PRESENT:** At the Simcoe County Museum, 151 Hwy. 26 north of Barrie, 6:30 to 9 p.m. On Dec. 6, 5 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 7. Lantern-lit pathways, hot chocolate and cider, holiday music, crafts, decorations, draw for great prizes, samples of holiday treats. Regular admission rates apply. Please bring a donation of non-perishable food, cash or a new unwrapped toy for the Paramedics of Simcoe County Toy Drive.

## SCOT., DEC. 7

**SCOTT WOODS & BAND IN CONCERT:** 7 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 - 10 Sideroad in Bradford. Woods will be joined by special guests Steve Pitlick, guitar, and Amanda MacInnis on fiddle. \$20 adults, \$10 kids. Tickets available at Nancy's Nifty Nook, The Bradford Print Shoppe, St. John's Presbyterian Church, or call Leila. 905-775-6618.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT LEFROY UNITED CHURCH:** Crafts, gifts, baking, Penny Table, White Elephant Table, and Luncheon, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Church and the Grange Hall, Upstairs in the Sanctuary, see the display of new and historic quilts.

**FINE ART & ARTISAN CAFE:** At the Woodwright Studio, 454-757 in Bond Head, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Take a break and enjoy tea or coffee and

treats while viewing fine art by a select group of local artists and artisans. For information contact Meade Helman, 905-960-4675. Woodwright Studio is the home of the Bond Head Fine Arts Group.

**SCHOMBERG MAIN STREET CHRISTMAS:** Main Street will be closed to traffic starting at 3:30 p.m. for carolers, hot chocolate, Arts & Crafts show at the Schomberg Hall, Santa Claus Parade at 4 p.m., and an Illuminated Farmers' Parade of Lights at 8 p.m. Admission \$5 for adults, free for kids 12 and under.

**TRIM THE TREE AT THE BRADFORD LIBRARY:** Free Family Saturday and Craft session at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make decorations to take home, and to trim the Library's community tree.

**TREE-DECORATING:** For preschoolers and their parents/caregivers, at the Ontario Early Years Centre-Bradford Satellite, 118 Barrie St. at 10 a.m. Trim the tree, enjoy a light snack and hot apple cider. Pre-register online at [www.simcoecommunityservices.ca](http://www.simcoecommunityservices.ca) or call 905-775-3039 ext. 229.

**FESTIVE FUN AT THE BWG LEISURE CENTRE:** From 2 to 4 p.m., drop by the BWG Leisure Centre on West Park Ave. in Bradford, to make family crafts, cash or a new unwrapped toy with a Special Guest, Free.

**INNISFIL ROTARY CLUB'S LIGHTS & WISHES:** At the Innisfil Recreation Complex, Yonge St. and Innisfil Beach Rd., 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Silent Auction, Crafts, face-painting, cookie-decorating, take a ride on the Rotary Canoe YMCAs Street Kids campaign.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT KIL-LARNEY BEECH SCHOOL:** Located on 20th Sideroad in Lefroy, Innisfil, the school hosts a Christmas Bazaar, with crafts and vendors, and more, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## SUN., DEC. 8

**PHOTOS WITH SANTA:** At Coffee Culture Cafe & Eatery on Holland St. W., 3 to 6 p.m. Get a professional 5" by 7" photo with Santa for only \$5 - proceeds go to the BWG Santa Claus Parade. Courtesy of Twyman Graphics & Photography.

**ART UNIQUE GALLERY & GIFTS OPEN HOUSE:** Drop by Art Unique, 4293 - 2nd Line Innisfil, north of Cookstown, from 2 to 4 p.m. Welcoming 2 new artists to the Gallery - Michaela Preston, photographer, and Leonora Frenette, paper collage. Also works by other artists.

## TUES., DEC. 10

**YORK-SIMCOE NATURALISTS MEET:** 7:30 p.m. at River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Ave. in River Drive (off Queensville Rd., north of Holland Landing). Jim Robt, Friends of the Rouge Watershed will speak on Developments at Rouge Park. Log a mug, for more information, visit [www.facebook.com/YorkSimcoeNaturalists](http://www.facebook.com/YorkSimcoeNaturalists) or email [ysnclub@yahoo.ca](mailto:ysnclub@yahoo.ca)

## WEDS., DEC. 11

**BLUE CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH:** For those dealing with loss and grief at this time of year, 7:30 p.m. Features the film, "Up - the Ladder of Lazarus." There will also be a Blue Christmas Service on Weds., December 18 at 7:30 p.m. 62 Church St., Bradford.

## THURS., DEC. 12

**KIDS IN THE KITCHEN:** Preschoolers and their Parents/Caregivers will make Gingerbread Houses, at the Ontario Early Years Centre-Bradford Satellite, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Free but please pre-register at [www.simcoecommunityservices.ca](http://www.simcoecommunityservices.ca) or 905-775-3039 ext. 229.

**THORNTON OLD TIME FIDDLE DANCE:** Upstairs at the Thornton Arena (County Rd. 27 in Thornton), at 7 p.m. All welcome.

## Christmas Dinner in Churchill

St. Peter's Anglican Church in Churchill hosts a free Christmas Dinner at the Church on Thursday, December 12 from 12:00 to 7 p.m. - part of the Church's outreach to the community. Everyone, of any denomination, is invited to attend. For more information, visit [www.stpeterschurchill.org](http://www.stpeterschurchill.org)

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**Trinity Anglican Church**  
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(Corner of Church & James St.)  
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Sunday School, 10:30am  
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**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
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905-775-9412  
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**Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church**  
167 Eassa St. Bradford 905-775-2005  
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11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.  
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66 Barrie St.  
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(2 km north of Holland St. W.)  
9 am - Portuguese Service  
10:30 am - English Service  
10:30 am - Kids Program (Totter-Cratch)  
Mid Week Youth Program & Portuguese Meal  
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[www.bcbcw.ca](http://www.bcbcw.ca)

**The Baha'i World Faith**  
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[www.Baha'i.org](http://www.Baha'i.org)

## December's Keyholder at The Hub

The Hub Youth Drop in Centre recently celebrated its 10th Anniversary - ten years of providing a safe and secure place where young people can do homework, interact, participate in activities, and receive positive mentoring.

The Hub, run by CrossTrainers, marked the anniversary by launching a "Keyholder" fundraiser, inviting community businesses and leaders to commit \$100 per month, for a total donation of \$1,000, to support The Hub and its youth programs.

As residents of Bradford, Drive True's Keyholder challenge is Drive True Mechanical Services, a local family-owned and operated Automotive Repair shop in Bradford.

As residents of Bradford, Drive True's members have seen first-hand the impact of The Hub and CrossTrainers on their community. "At Drive True we believe that stimulation, positive attitude, charitable support and a safe place to go are key to a successful future," for Youth, say Tom and Amber Smith. "At the Hub, these kids receive all that and more. The Hub has even offered support to members of the Drive True family. We are humbled and grateful for the work that these fabulous volunteers and staff do for our community."

Drive True Mechanical, located at 121 Bridge St., offers affordable and reliable repairs for all makes and models of vehicles - including alignments, Motor Vehicle Inspections, brakes, engine, computer diagnostics, exhaust repairs, and more.



"With over 15 years in the business, our staff is knowledgeable and always willing to go that extra mile to get our customers the best possible price and service," says Tom Smith. "Check us out on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/drivetruemechanicalservices](http://www.facebook.com/drivetruemechanicalservices), and be entered in a draw to win a free oil change."

Drive True Mechanical Services, 121 Bridge St. Unit 4, 905-551-7700.

Other Keyholders are Be Well Chiropractic Health & Wellness, Katy Basi Barrister & Solicitor, Maggie Cohen - Mortgage Broker with Dominion Lending Centres, Dr. Jesse Chai - Bradford Family Dentistry, Doreen Johnson of Isagenix, and Pam Bechard - Royal LePage York North. For more information, see [cministries.ca](http://cministries.ca).

Submitted photo: Jodi Greenstreet of CrossTrainers, left, accepts donation from Drive True's Amber Smith. Note: Mention this article to receive \$50 off labour at Drive True Mechanical.

## Black Friday a new Canadian tradition

The Thanksgiving turkey was but a dim memory for Canadians, by November 29 - but they embraced one American Thanksgiving tradition: Black Friday.

The day of sales and discounts that celebrates retailers' return to the "black" and profitability, has successfully made the trip across the border.

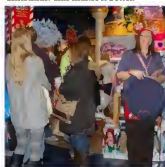
Canadian retailers were enthusiastic about the response to this new Black Friday sales, calling it a "Baby Boxing Day." Malls like Upper Canada opened their doors early to accommodate shoppers, some of whom waited hours to be first in line for the bargains.

One store that saw long line-ups was The Disney Store, where staff had to monitor the numbers.

"Our guests came early this morning, at 7 a.m.," said store manager Shelley McNamee. "We're at capacity right now. We're asking our guests to wait."

"I was here last year. I knew there were good deals," said Andrea Oppebeek of Aurora, who came to the store to pick up Christmas plush and Small World dolls. "It's crazy!"

Good crazy, said another shopper, her arms filled with purchases. "I actually have a lot of birthdays before Christmas. This makes it better."



Disney Store, on Black Friday, Nov. 29.

## Gift Shows, Craft Shows & Christmas Bazaars

Celebrate the holiday season at Christmas Past & Present at the Simcoe County Museum, 1151 Hwy. 26 north end, December 6 from 6:30 to 9 p.m., and December 7, from

1 to 8 p.m. Stroll lantern-lit pathways and heritage buildings - sample food, hot chocolate and cider - enjoy holiday music and decorations - and see [crafts-jan.org](http://crafts-jan.org)

## Sports

# BWGMHA Local League action

**TYKE LL**  
Nov. 30, Bradford Hawks - 5, Bradford #2 Bruins - 4.  
Bruins scoring by Liam Beninuit with a pair, singles by Jacob Pruitt and Lucas Del Balso, all unassisted, in a well-played game.

**NOVICE LL**  
Nov. 29, Bradford #1 - 4, Oak Ridges #2 - 1. Scoring by Matthew Carvalho with a pair, singles by Remy Yoo and Cristian Glowacki. Assists to Fraser Callacott, Taylor Newton, Glowacki, Kaleb Christophersens (2), Carvalho and Lucas Wehby.

Nov. 30, Bradford #1 - 2, Innisfil - 1. Goals by Tristan Mantes and Kaleb Christophersens; and Colton Graham from Lucas Wehby and Christophersens.

Dec. 2, Bradford #1 - 5, Bradford #2 - 4. Bradford

#1 goals by Matthew Carvalho with a hat trick, singles by Lucas Wehby and Tristan Marques. Beninuit with a pair, singles, with assists to Remy Yoo, Marques, Fraser Callacott, and Kaleb Christophersens (2). Excellent goaltending by Carsyn Elliott.

**ATOM LL**  
Nov. 24, Bradford #3 - 5, Bradford #1 - 1. Bradford #3 goals by Antonio Kutarowski with a hat trick (from Andrew Gwilliams (2) and Luis Faris); singles by Kyle Smith from Owen Osborne, and Osborne from Smith.

Nov. 29, Bradford #2 - 6, NobleKing - 0. Goals by Kevin Zwal with a pair, singles by Tyler Robinson, Shawn Bezerra, Brennan (unassisted), and Nathan Pruitt, on assists from Tristan Davis, Zwal (2), Damian Ochink, Pruitt,

Liam Mitchell and Bezerra. Nov. 30, Bradford #3 - 2, NobleKing #1 - 2. Bradford goals by Antonio Kutarowski from Andrew Gwilliams; and Gwilliams from Kutarowski.

Nov. 30, Bradford #2 - 10, Lefroy - 6. Scoring by Tristan Davis with a hat trick, Ethan Rendine and Shawn Bezerra with a pair apiece, singles by Anthony Mollie, Isiah Drummond and Kevin Zwaal. Helpers to Rendine (3), Bezerra (2), Adam Albini, Zwaal (2), Joshua Langille and Davis.

Dec. 1, Thornton #2 - 6, Bradford #3 - 2. Goals by Kyle Smith unassisted; and Adam Clayton from Antonio Kutarowski and Smith.

Dec. 1, Bradford #2 - 1, Richmond Hill - 1. Tying goal by Kevin Zwaal, unassisted.

## BWGMHA Rep teams: Atoms see Tourney action

Bradford Minor Atoms "A" Rep Hockey team participated in a Tournament, November 22-24.

Game 1, Nov. 22, Aurora - 6, Bradford Disette Animal Hospital Atoms - 1. Lone goal by Matthew Boughner from Christian Campoli.

Game 2, Nov. 22, Whitby - 7, Bradford Disette Animal Hospital - 4. Scoring by Tanner Hueglin, Jeremiah Oake, Anthony Nascentino and Ewan Drummond on assists from Braeden Maclean, Darcy Mott, Jacob Klic, Alex Semiao, Kyle Lomas, Hueglin and Matthew Boughner.

Game 3, Nov. 23, Bradford Disette Animal Hospital - 4, Dundas - 3. Scoring

by Tanner Hueglin with a pair, singles by Anthony Nascentino and Jacob Klic. Assists to Darcy Mott (2), Cody Jessop, Klic and Davis Frederick.

Game 4, Nov. 23, Whitby - 7, Bradford Disette Animal Hospital - 2. Goals by Anthony Nascentino, from Cody Jessop and Davis Frederick; and by Matthew Boughner from Nascentino and Darcy Mott.

### Minor Peepees

Nov. 28, Bradford - 3, Innisfil - 2. Bradford goals by Caleb Booth from Stuart Heath; Ryan Jensen from Owen Hodgson; and Tyler Mumford from Heath and William Bishop, in a great team effort.



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**CHMIEL, Joseph** - Peacefully after a lengthy illness at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket on Sunday, December 1, 2013, Joe Chmiel of Bradford in his 68th year. Beloved husband of Zoe Chmiel (nee Jermolow). Dear father of Andrea (Herbert) Veikman, Peter (Annie) Chmiel and Cynthia (William) Bird. Dear zizi of Caleb and Cameron Veikman; Alexander, Jesse, Julian and Lauren Chmiel; Jacob and Victoria Bird. Dear son-in-law of Maria Jermolow. Dear brother-in-law of Victor (Gail) Jermolow, Jackie (Jack) Verkaik, Irene (Nick) Pahor and their families. A private family service was held at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford, Interment Holy Marys Cemetery, Bradford.

**MILLER, Glenn A. (Bubba)** - Suddenly at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto on Tuesday, December 3, 2013. Glenn Miller of Bradford in his 59th year. Beloved husband of Dorna (nee Jarzylo). Dear father of Andrew (Kika), Christopher (Melissa) and Adam Miller. Dear papa of Mackenzie. Lovingly remembered by the Miller and Jarzylo families. Friends may call at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, 30 Simcoe Rd., Bradford for visitation on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service will be held in the Chapel on Friday, December 6, 2013 at 11 a.m. followed by cremation. In Glenn's memory, donations may be made to Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario or the Children's Wish Foundation.

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## Focus on Youth

## Passion for dance leads to The Nutcracker

A young Bradford resident is living her dream - chosen to participate in the National Ballet School's annual Christmas production of *The Nutcracker*.

Kira Wilkerson is 10, a Grade 5 student at St. Jean de Brebeuf School. She is also a student of the NBS Associate Program, and was selected to dance as a child member of the Paper Doll family, and a Courtier in the land of the Sugar Plum Fairy, in this year's production at The Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto.

Kira has been taking ballet classes since she was 3. In fact, says non-Benedict she was only two when she saw the cartoon 'Angelina Ballerina' and began asking for ballet lessons.

Kira started in recreational ballet, taking 'KinderBallet' classes in Woodbridge, where the family was living at the time. She found ballet so natural, so easy that she soon began dancing competitively. "and it was still easy," she says.

Four years ago, she successfully auditioned for the NBS Associate program. "Kids go to learn how to dance, and get an idea of what it's like to be a professional dancer," Kira explains.

It requires a balancing act, between schoolwork and dance. She heads in to Toronto for dance lessons four days a week - and now that she has been chosen for *The Nutcracker*, 6 days a week, an extra 5-6 hours of practice.

Benedict told her daughter that she would support her dancing, adjusting family schedules to accommodate classes and competitions, but only if Kira maintained her grades - and she has. "Last year my lowest mark was a B and the highest mark was A-plus," Kira says, advising anyone interested in a dance career. "If they're a dancer they have to balance their schoolwork."

## Gift Shows, Craft Shows and Christmas Bazaars for the holidays

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This isn't the first time that Kira has had a role in *Nutcracker*. Several years ago she played a lamb - but this is the first time she will have a short solo, in addition to her appearance as a Courtier.

It's all been fun - and it has inspired her to dream of becoming a professional dancer. This January, she'll begin auditioning for the National Ballet School's Professional Ballet Program, which is open to students in grades 6 and up.

It is the Professional students who make up the majority of the 250 young dancers involved in this year's *Nutcracker*, choreographed by NBS graduate James Kudrka. Others are in the Teacher Training program, and the Associate

Program, like Kira. Another 60 students from Toronto's Performing Arts High Schools have been invited to participate in the battle scene, against the Mouse King.

Four different casts take turns on stage. Kira will be in the performances on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 1 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 29 at 1 p.m., and Friday, Jan. 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available 1-866-345-9595 or see [www.nationalballet.ca](http://www.nationalballet.ca)

Kira and her mom have seen many professional ballet productions - including Swan Lake, Alice in Wonderland, Sleeping Beauty, Don Quixote, and her favourite, Cinderella - and watched performances by many of Canada's top dancers, including Sonia Rodriguez, Rex Harrington, and Heather Ogden. Kira's dream is to join their ranks - and someday, dance the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

**Bazaar**, at the Grange Hall and Lefroy United Church, Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Gifts, Penny and White Elephant tables, a home-made lunch - and a Quilt display up in the Sanctuary.

**Photo:** Claire, 10, offers samples at her mom's "How the Cookie Crumbles" booth at the Bradford Valley long term care centre's Christmas Bazaar, Nov. 30.



## Fun @ the Library



**Miriam King photo, Bradford Times**  
Castle, Magic Mirror and brave knight Marko. 4 and a half, at the Bradford Public Library's "Once Upon a Time" Free Family Saturday, Nov. 23.

The Zima Room, and Blue and Green Children's Program Rooms at the Bradford Public Library were filled with princesses, kings and knights, on November 23. It was all part of a Free Family Saturday drop-in program, on the theme "Once Upon a Time." Kids ages 3 and up, and their caregivers, could make their own crowns and sceptres, dress up, pose for photos in front of a Castle, and play games.

The next Free Family Saturday will take place on Saturday, December 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Trim the tree. Get in the holiday spirit, with festive music and a special visitor - and make decorations to take home, as well as for the Library's community tree.

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Friends of the Library hosted their Fall Book Sale, November 8 and 9 - offering thousands of hardcover and paperback books, CDs and DVDs, donated by patrons.

Friday night was preview night - and 18 families paid \$10 for the privilege of having first pick at the sale. They purchased about \$600 of books in under 2 hours, at a cost of \$1 apiece, or 4 for \$1 for children's volumes - but still left thousands of books for browsers like 3-year-old Clark, below, on Saturday.





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